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Carter Asks Admiral To Be Chief of CIA

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WASHINGTON. — Four years ago Vice Adm. Stansfield Turner warned 188 Navy commanders and captains at the Naval War College they had to study or be flunked out.

"I think," said the admiral as he assumed the presidency of the war college, "there has been creeping intellectual devitalization in all of our war colleges since World War II ... To the best of my knowledge, examinations have never been used here. As far as I can determine this is because our war colleges hold a false concept that a senior officer is above that sort of thing."

That performance was a far cry from the Midshipman (Eino) Turner who was praised by his 1946 Naval Academy classmates as having an "uncanny ability to make friends."

One of those classmates, President Jimmy Carter, yesterday named Turner, now 53 and a four-star admiral, to be CIA director subject to Senate confirmation expected late in the month. The admiral now heads allied military forces in NATO's southern sector. At Annapolis, he was commander of the brigade of midshipmen in his last year and 25th in his class; Carter was 59th.



Adm. Turner